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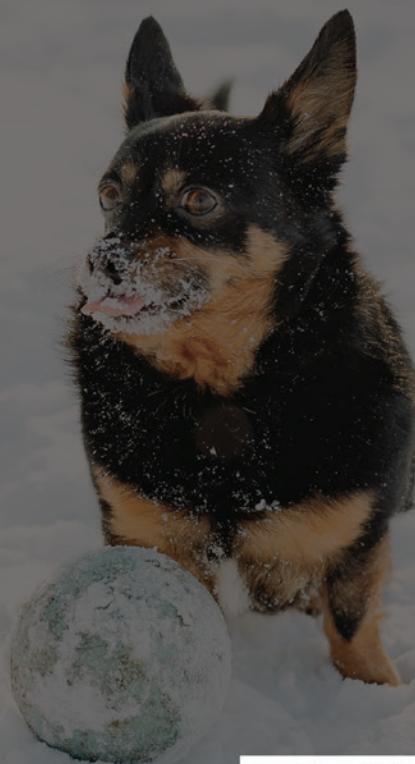
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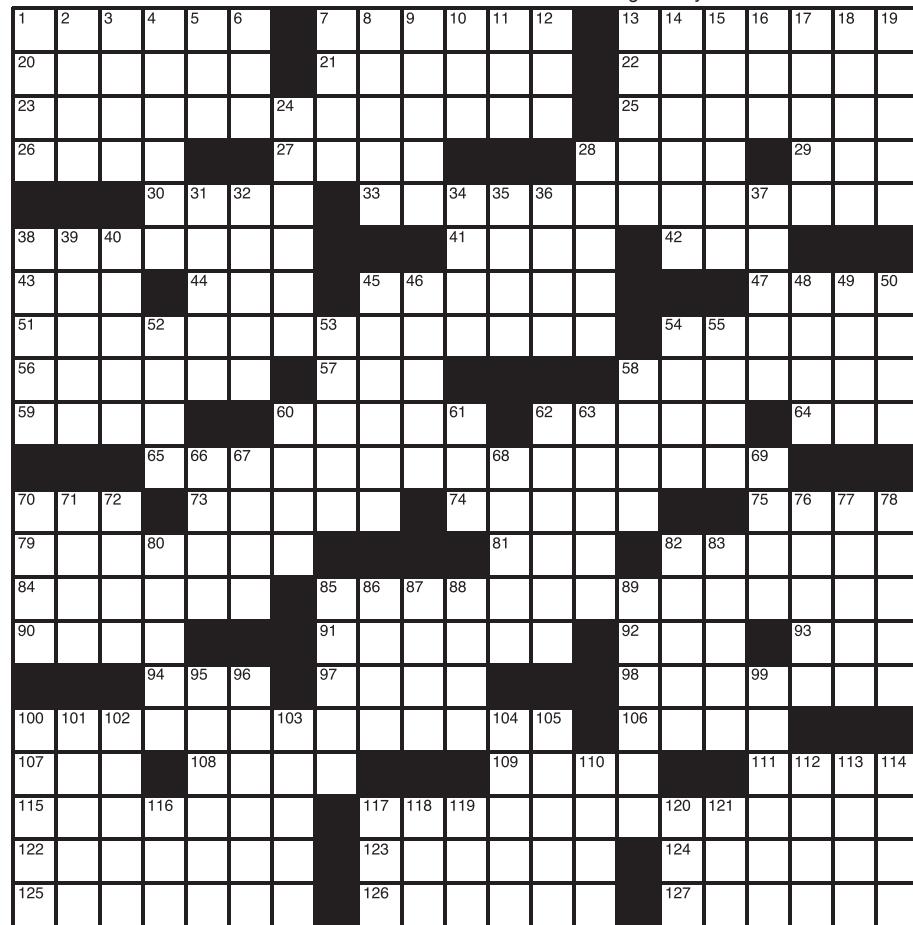
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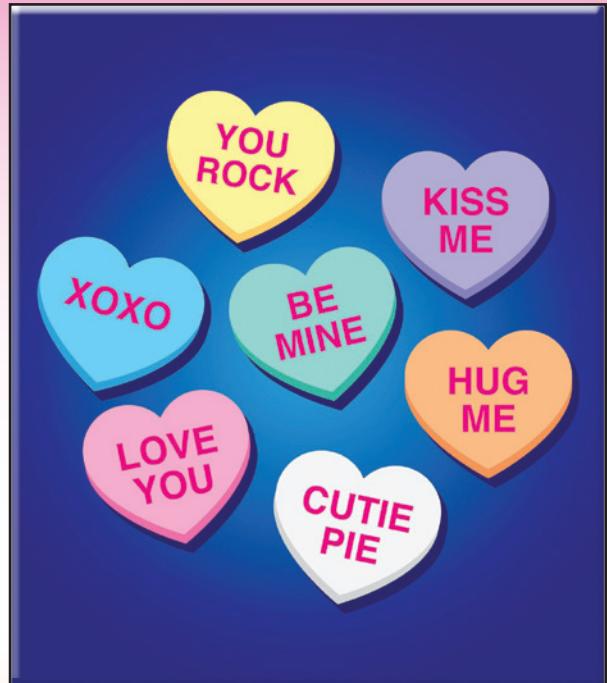
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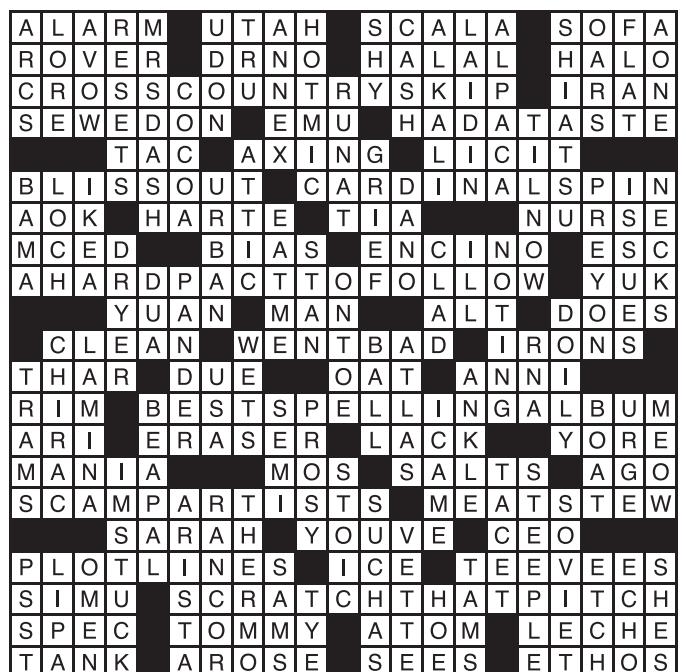


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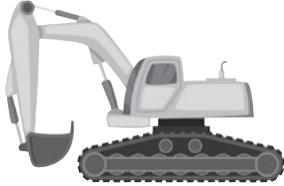


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Sun, Feb. 22nd 2pm - Designer Purse Bingo at Goldsboro Vol. Fire Co., 700 Old Line Rd., Goldsboro; Doors open 11:30am; Advance ticket \$30, \$35 at door; Receive 1 free raffle ticket per non-perishable food item donated (up to 10 items) for a special purse raffle; Special games, raffles, 50/50, tricky tray; Benefits Marydel Lions Club.



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DISTRICT	NAME	PURPOSE	LOCATION	TOWN
1	Brian Aldrick	After-the-Fact Renovation	11771 Dudley Chance Road	Galena
1	Phillip Doughterty	Solar: 112.1 KW Ground Mount	12545 Chesterville Road	Galena
1	Alyssa McGinnis	New Single Family Dwelling	313 Race Street	Millington
1	Walter Reed	Accessory Building: Pole Building 30 ft x 24 ft	31910 Jim Davis Road	Galena
1	Kevin Urie	Renovation: Interior Enlargement	31878 River Park Road	Millington
2	Community of Kent County	Municipal: Stream Restoration	13681 Turners Creek Road	Kennedyville
2	Joshua Foraker	Accessory Building: Pool 40 ft x 10 ft	13899 Turners Point Road	Kennedyville
2	Joshua Malin	Accessory Building: Pole Building 24 ft x 32 ft	12703 Augustine Herman Highway	Kennedyville
2	Turners Creek Point LLC	Municipal: Stream Restoration	13681 Turners Creek Road	Kennedyville
2	Steven Wheeler	Accessory Building: Above Ground Pool	12807 Main Street	Still Pond
2	Eugenia Wootten	Solar: 6 Qcell 490 Watts	13168 Bloomfield Road	Kennedyville
3	Martin Fumo	Accessory Building: Pole Building 40 ft x 40 ft	12616 Walnut Valley Court	Worton
3	Michael Maloney	Renovation: Roof Replacement	10529 Colfax Road	Chestertown
3	Poffenberger	Renovation: Restore Home to Orginal Size	13352 Fishing Valley Road	Worton
3	Poffenberger	New Driveway	13352 Fishing Valley Road	Worton
3	Wiliam Thomas	Amendment/Accessory Building: Pole Building 28 ft x 24 ft	12558 Clark Road	Worton
4	James Shifrin	Accessory Building: Inground Pool	8963 Orchard Drive	Chestertown
5	Matthew Dowling	New Single Family Dwelling	6929 Hagy Road	Rock Hall
5	Linda Marant	Accessory Building: Pole Building 40 ft x 48 ft	20351 Glanville Lane	Rock Hall
5	Edgar McQuade	Accessory Building: Garage	21271 Fithian Drive	Rock Hall
6	John Frey	Backyard Chicken: Coop & Run	23131 Old Fairlee Road	Chestertown
6	Margaret Ingersoll	Renovation: Sunroom, Porch, Window/Door, Kitchen	9190 N Bayview Avenue	Chestertown
6	Allan Schauber	Renovation: Replace 7 Windows	9334 Earl Nicholson Road	Chestertown
7	Chester River Yacht & Country Club	Demolition: Dock A	7738 Quaker Neck Road	Chestertown
7	Chester River Yacht & Country Club	Accessory: Temporary ADA Ramp	7738 Quaker Neck Road	Chestertown
7	Jerermy Smith	Accessory Building: Shed 17 ft x 7 ft	5179 Quaker Neck Road	Chestertown

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2nd Thurs Monthly 6:30pm - Bingo at Cecilton Vol. Fire Co., 110 E. Main St., Cecilton; Doors open 6pm; Benefits CVFC; For more information call 410-275-8686.

3rd Fri Monthly 7pm - Cash Bingo at Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, 8631 Bell Rose Lane, Chestertown; Doors open 6pm; \$20 for 20 games; Special games & extra packs available; Food & drinks available for purchase; No outside food or drinks please; Call 410-778-6370; Send emails to ritakulley722@gmail.com.

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Every Tues 6pm - Bingo at Hacks Point Fire Co., 1185 Glebe Rd., Earleville; Early bird 5:30pm; Call 410-275-8308.

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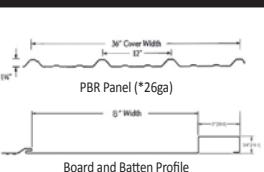
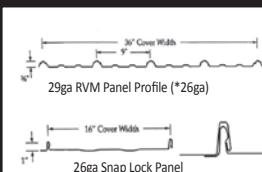
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## Church

Sun, Feb. 22nd 3pm-4:30pm - Resonance: Matchstick Percussion fireside concert at St. Paul's Parish, Kent, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd., off Rt. 20, Chestertown; Call 443-480-0221; Visit [www.stpaulkent.org](http://www.stpaulkent.org).

3rd Fri 10am-12pm - Food Pantry at Mount Olive AME Church, 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Must have referral from MD Food Bank; To donate, volunteer or for more information call 410-778-3329; Learn more at [www.mt oliveamecworton.org](http://www.mt oliveamecworton.org).

Every Sat 6:30pm - The Sower Saturday Night Church, 400 S. Cross St., Chestertown; Pastor Rudy Draper; In person and online live at [www.facebook/rudy.draper](http://www.facebook/rudy.draper); Visit [www.sowerministry.com](http://www.sowerministry.com).

Every Sun 10:30am - Sunday School at Still Pond Church, 12801 Still Pond Rd., Still Pond; All ages welcome; For details visit [www.stillbetterchurch.org](http://www.stillbetterchurch.org).

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Every Sun 8am - Call in Sunday Service for Still Pond & Betterton Methodist Churches; Call 605-475-2200 and enter passcode 8792932#; Find more information online at [www.stillbetterchurch.org](http://www.stillbetterchurch.org)

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3rd Sun 3pm - Aglow Chestertown Light-house meets at Women In Need, 106 Philosophers Terrace, Chestertown; A time of fellowship and a fresh word from the Lord; On Facebook @chestertownaglow.

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Every Mon 5pm - Men's Fellowship Group meets at the Presbyterian Church, 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6057; Email [info@presbyterianchestertown.org](mailto:info@presbyterianchestertown.org).

1st Mon Monthly 6pm - Sister to Sister Christian Women's Group at Bethel AME Church, 237 N. College Ave., Chestertown; Rev. Robert N. Brown, Jr.; Send emails to [bethel.ctown@gmail.com](mailto:bethel.ctown@gmail.com).



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Presbyterian Church - Sun. service 9:30am; 905 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Rev. Joel Tolbert, Head Pastor; Rev. Caitlan Gartland, Assoc. Pastor; On Facebook; Call 410-778-6057 for more information or visit [www.presbyterianchestertown.org](http://www.presbyterianchestertown.org).

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Mass Sat. 4pm & Sun. 10am; 508 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3160 for more information or visit [www.sacredparish.org](http://www.sacredparish.org).

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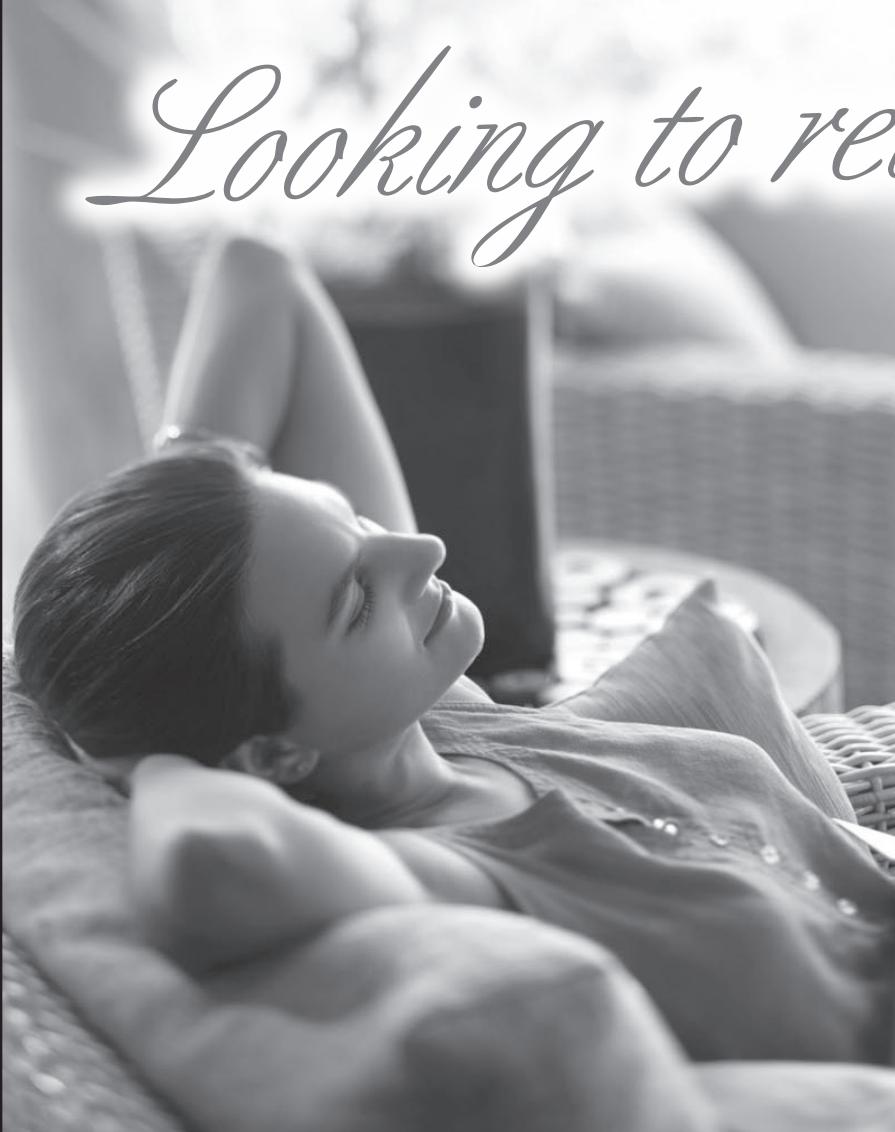
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#### If you need help or have a complaint about your care, call the HealthChoice Help Line at 800-284-4510 or call your Kent County Health Department ACC/Ombudsman Program at 410-778-7035:

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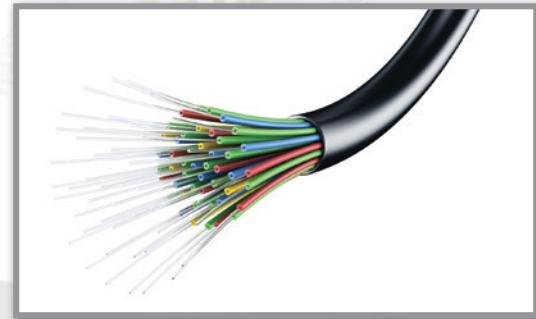
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Geoffrey Chaucer made the first reference to Valentine's Day as a romantic holiday. The first Valentine note was sent in 1477. The Victorians sent rude cards on Valentine's Day.



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Hallmark started mass-producing Valentine's Day cards in 1913. People send more cards for Valentine's Day than almost any other holiday.



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Chestertown Christian Gathering - Sun 9:45am Adult Small Group, Children's Movie; Sun 10:30am Gathering, Children's Program; Wed 6:30pm Family Gathering, Adult, Teen, Children Small Groups; 932 Washington Ave., Unit 1, Austin Plaza, Chestertown; Find us on Facebook.

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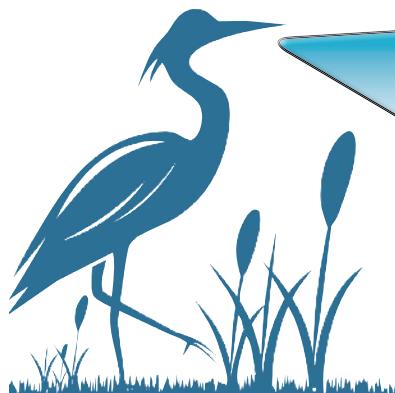
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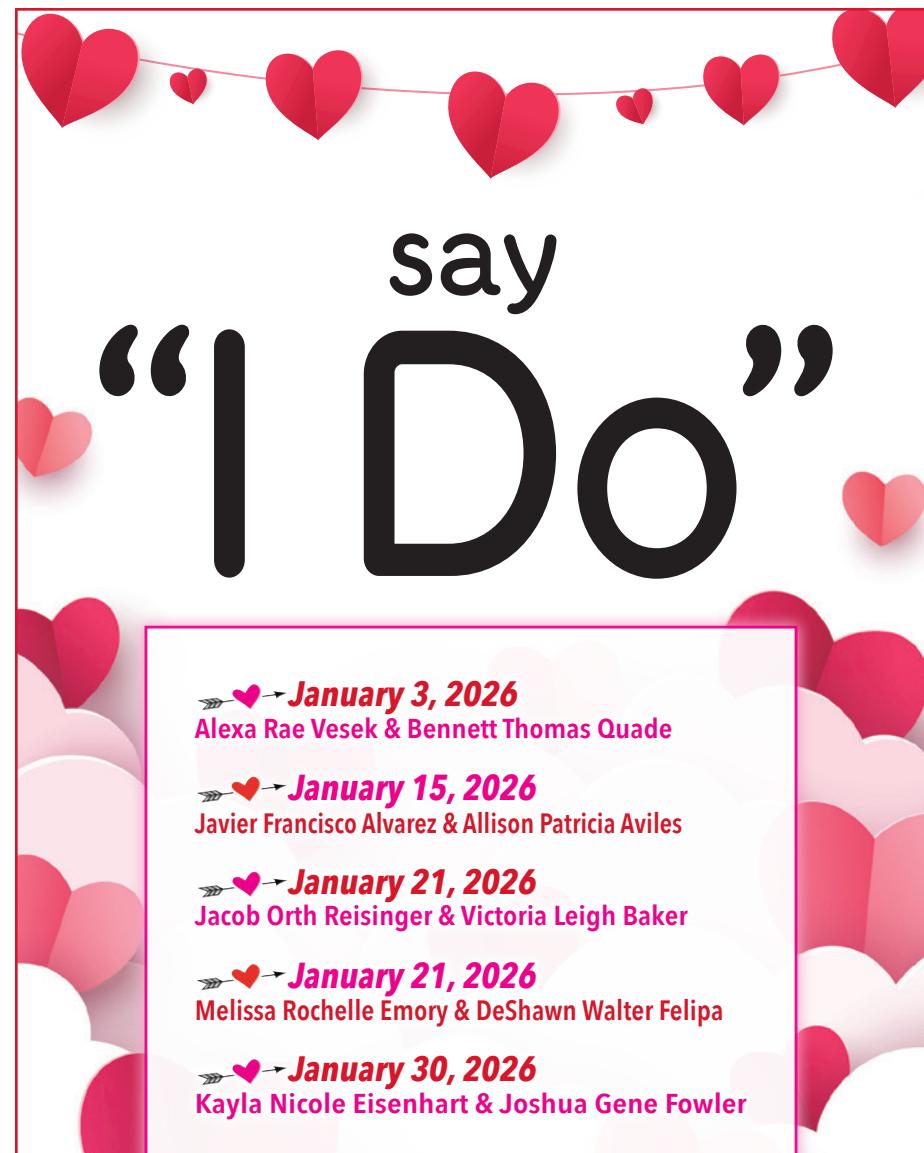
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This year Lions Clubs of Kent County served over 450 families and 608 children. This achievement would not have been possible without your generous support. Donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to: Kent County Christmas Baskets, Inc. c/o Debbie Conner, 31901 Jim Davis Road, Galena, MD 21635. For more information about Lions Clubs of Kent County, visit [www.22blions.org/kent](http://www.22blions.org/kent).



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Mount Olive AME Church - Sun services held virtually on Facebook Live, YouTube, and conference call in at 1-518-263-8400; Rev. Monique Upshur Davis; 24840 Lambs Meadow Rd., Worton; Call 410-778-3329; Visit [www.mtoliveamecworton.org](http://www.mtoliveamecworton.org).

Shrewsbury Parish Church - Sunday Services Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:30am in the Church & Holy Eucharist Rite II 10am in the Church and on Facebook; Adult Spiritual Formation 8:45am in the Parish Hall and on Zoom; 12824 Shrewsbury Church Rd., Kennedyville; Call 410-348-5944 or visit [www.shrewsburyparish.org](http://www.shrewsburyparish.org).

Rock Hall Global Methodist Church - Sunday Service 11am with Pastor Gary Priddy; 5730 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Call 410-639-2144; Visit [www.yourrockhall.church](http://www.yourrockhall.church).

Divine Church of Deliverance - Worship Service every Sunday 11am; Youth & Adult Sunday School 10am; Bible study every Wednesday 7:30pm; Service every Friday 7:30pm; Prophet Morrise Moore, Pastor; 31579 Galena Sassafras Road, Galena, MD 21635; Call 443-417-5191 for more information.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Sunday Service 10am in person and on Zoom; Our shared values are equity, interdependence, justice, generosity, pluralism, transformation and love; 914 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; [www.uuchesterriver.org](http://www.uuchesterriver.org).

Chestertown Havurah - An inclusive Jewish community Chestertown to Middletown; Religious and social activities; Call 856-514-0528; Send emails and questions to [chestertown18havurah@gmail.com](mailto:chestertown18havurah@gmail.com).

St. Dennis Catholic Church - Mass Thurs. & Fri. 8:30am, Sun. 8am; Hispanic Mass Sun. 11am; Religious education classes Pre-K/K to 10th grade Sun. 9:15am-10:30am; 154 N. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Email [stdennischurch@aol.com](mailto:stdennischurch@aol.com).

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Holy Eucharist every Sun. 9am, in person or zoom; Bible study every Thurs. 5pm; 10 Glebe Rd., Earleville; Call 410-275-8785.

Kennedyville UM Church - Sunday service 9:30am-10:30am; Pastor Bonnie Paxton; 12008 Augustine Herman Hwy., Kennedyville; Call 410-348-5502 or send emails to [kennedyvilleumc@live.com](mailto:kennedyvilleumc@live.com).

Christ First UM Church - Every Sun 9:30am Worship Service; 401 High St., Chestertown; Rev. Amy D. Yarnall; Call 410-778-0911; Email [christumc1@gmail.com](mailto:christumc1@gmail.com); Learn more at [www.firstandchristumc.org](http://www.firstandchristumc.org).

Raum Chapel UMC - 9am Sunday Worship; Pastor Steve Leonard; 5257 Skinners Neck Road, Rock Hall; Find on Facebook RaumChapelUnitedMethodistChurch.

Wesley Chapel Global Methodist Church - Sunday Service 9:30am with Pastor Gary Priddy; 6065 Rock Hall Rd., Rock Hall; Stay for breakfast the last Sunday of each month; Call 410-639-2144; Find details at [www.yourrockhall.church](http://www.yourrockhall.church).

New Beginnings Methodist Church - 200 Schaefer Rd., Chestertown (Amy Lynn Ferris Center); 10am Sunday worship; Rev. Robyn S. Brown; Call 410-570-4090; Email [revrsbrown@gmail.com](mailto:revrsbrown@gmail.com); On Facebook.

Rock Hall Fairlee Charge - 10am Sunday Service; Aaron Chapel UM Church, 5830 Crosby Rd. in Rock Hall; In Chestertown at Asbury UM Church, 8979 Georgetown Rd., Mt. Pleasant UM Church, 9175 Fairlee Rd., and Mt. Pisgah UM Church, 23755 L Rd.; Call 302-981-9967 for more information; Email [pastowamenuamah@gmail.com](mailto:pastowamenuamah@gmail.com).

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Through Feb. 12th - Online Valentine's Day Silent Auction featuring extraordinary experiences and unique getaways; Benefits For All Seasons behavioral health and rape crisis center; Call 410-822-1018 for more information; Send emails and questions to [ktmeyers@forallseasonsinc.org](mailto:ktmeyers@forallseasonsinc.org); Visit [www.supportforallseasonsinc.org/2026valentinesaution](http://www.supportforallseasonsinc.org/2026valentinesaution).

Thurs, Feb. 12th 1pm - Caregiver Support Group at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Meets every second Thurs.; Call 443-262-4124; Email [tchristy@compassregionalhospice.org](mailto:tchristy@compassregionalhospice.org); Visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

Tues, Feb. 17th 8:30am-4:30pm - Compass Training Session for Patient Care Volunteers at Caroline Chamber's Conference Room, 108 Market St., Denton; To register call 443-262-6045; Learn more by visiting [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

Mon, March 2nd 6pm - Monthly Bereaved Parents Group for ages 18 and older who have experienced the loss of a child at any age at Compass Barnette Center, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Call 443-262-4109.

Every Wed 4pm - Men's Peer Support Group at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404.

Every Wed 8pm - Free & Clean Narcotics Anonymous group at Bethel AME Church, 237 N. College Ave., Chestertown; Email [bethel.ctown@gmail.com](mailto:bethel.ctown@gmail.com).

Every Wed 1pm - "Women's Circle" Support group for expecting mothers or mothers with children ages 3 & under; Online only; Kent Family Center; For more information call 410-810-3790.

Every Wed 6pm-8pm - Empowerment group for Dads; Kent Family Center; Online only; Call 410-810-3790.

Every Wed 5:30pm-7pm - Women's Latino Support Group; Online only; Free; Call 410-822-1018 ext. 207; text 443-786-4947.

1st Wed Monthly 7pm - GriefShare Recovery Support Group Online Meeting; Held by Mt. Pisgah UM Church, 23755 L Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-810-0110; Learn more at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

1st Wed Monthly 11:30am-1pm - HomePorts Monthly Luncheon at local establishments; Must RSVP; Call 443-480-0940; Visit [www.homeports.org](http://www.homeports.org).

2nd & 4th Wed Monthly 5pm-6:30pm - Pink for Patsy Breast Cancer Support Group at Compass. 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Light dinner provided; Call 443-262-4109; [rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org](mailto:rknotts@compassregionalhospice.org).

Every Thurs 4pm - Women's Peer Support Group at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404 for more information.

1st & 3rd Thurs Monthly 4:30pm-5:30pm - Parkinson's Support Group meets via Zoom; Call 410-739-8539.

1st & 3rd Thurs Monthly 9am-12pm - Faith In Action Food Pantry at Cecilton UM Parish Zion, 168 W. Main St., Cecilton; Call 443-406-5040.

2nd & 4th Thurs Monthly - NAMI Kent & Queen Anne's Family Support Group meets online via Zoom; For family members who have a loved one with mental illness; Call National Alliance on Mental Illness KQA, 443-480-0565; For more information email [namikentandqueenannes@gmail.com](mailto:namikentandqueenannes@gmail.com).

2nd Thurs Monthly 10am-12pm - Advance Healthcare Planning at Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Dr., Easton; Plan to complete your advance directive paperwork and Five Wishes; Free; To schedule an appointment call 410-822-6681 ext. 113.

3rd Thurs Every Other Month - Free Wellness Screenings at Sudlersville Library, 105 W. Main St., Sudlersville; Blood pressure, pulse, blood glucose, and cholesterol; Call QAC Community Wellness Program 443-262-4524.

Every Fri 7pm-Kingdom of God Community Bible Study at Recovery In Motion, 300 Scheeler Road, Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404.

Every Fri 9am - Insight Meditation Community of Chestertown meditation group meets at Unitarian Universalist Church, 914 Gateway Dr., Chestertown; Newcomers welcome; Call 410-708-5402; Learn more at [www.imc-chestertown.org](http://www.imc-chestertown.org).

Every Sat 12pm-1pm - "The Chain Breakers" Nicotine Anonymous (NicA) Meeting at Eastern Shore Alano Club, 103 Dixon Drive, Chestertown; Free, open to everyone; No registration; Meetings every Saturday; Text "READY" to 200-400.

3rd Sat Monthly 10am-11:30am - "Munchkins on the Move" Playgroup for parents and children ages 3 & under with Kent Family Center; Call 410-810-3790.

**Crumpton Volunteer Fire Department's  
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## Holiday Closing

### DEADLINE CHANGE

Tidewater Trader, Inc. will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day. Early deadlines for the February 18<sup>th</sup> issue are as follows: Classified and Display Ads: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Celestial Events FEBRUARY 2026

**February 11:** Moon near Antares

**February 17:** New Moon  
Annular Solar Eclipse [visible from Antarctica]  
Comet 2024 E1 [Wierzchos] gets closest to Earth

**February 18:** Moon near Mercury

**February 19:** Mercury at greatest eastern elongation  
Moon near Saturn; Moon near Neptune

**February 19:** Mercury at greatest elongation west

**February 23:** Moon near Uranus

**February 24:** Moon near the Pleiades

**February 27:** Moon near Jupiter; Moon near Pollux

**February 28:** Moon near the Beehive Cluster  
Six-planet alignment between Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn, Venus, Neptune and Mercury

**February 24:** First Quarter Moon

## Alternative Cuss Words - Mother Approved!

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Shucks	Good Gravy	Great Gooley Moogley
Rats	Good Grief	Great Ceaesar's Ghost
Gosh	Gadzooks	Geeze Louise
Shizzle	Jackwagon	Mother Frances
Toot	Bull Snot	Judas Priest
Crapola	Fiddle Faddle	Shut Your Piehole
Turd	Fiddlesticks	Kiss My Grits
Sheesh	Crud Muffin	Heavens to Betsy
Flippin'	Cotton Pickin'	Bolshevik
Phooey	Malarkey	What the What?
Ticked	Mylanta	What the Devil?
Heck	What the Hey	Rasa-Frasa-Rasa-Frasa
Shoot	Bucket Head	Jumpin' Jehoshaphat
Jeepers	Shucky Darn	Booger Snot
Geez	Dad Burnit	Fartknocker
Crud	Dag Nabbit	Mother-of-Pearl
Dag	Con Sarnit	Bull Twinkies
Dang	Confound It	Gee Willikers
Darn	Doggon It	H-E-Double-Hockey-Sticks
Darnit	Dad Blame It	Fahrvergnügen
Bleep	Dad Gummit	Shut the Front Door
Bodger	Dad Blast It	Suck Eggs
Snot		
Wing Nut	<b>SON-OF-A...</b>	<b>HORSE...</b>
Nerts	Biscuit	FOR...
Crimeny	Biscuit Eater	Heaven's Sake
Cripes	Baptist Preacher	The Love of Pete
Crepes	Bacon Bit	Pete's Sake
Doo-Doo	Nutcracker	Cryin' Out Loud
Caca	Motherless Goat	





HomePorts, a nonprofit membership alliance, provides access to a wide range of services designed to offer residents age 55 & above, what they want & need to remain content, safe & confident living in their own home; \$100 for 3 month trial membership; Volunteers needed; Contact 443-480-0940 or info@homeports.org; Find more information online at [www.homeports.org](http://www.homeports.org).

Diabetes Education Classes - To help people with diabetes discover what they want & need to know about managing diabetes; UM Shore Medical Center, 100 Brown St., Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359 or visit [www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/](http://www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/)

Certified Lactation Consultants - Offer expectant and new mothers information about the benefits of breastfeeding for mother and baby, along with tips and techniques for successful breastfeeding; By appointment via video-conference or in-person; Call Carol 410-822-1000 ext. 5700.

Volunteers Needed at UM Shore Medical Center - Hospital Transport and Nearly New Shop; Interested volunteers should call 410-348-2159.

UM Shore Medical Center Community Health Education Courses - Adult CPR, Breathe Again, Lessons for Adult Caregivers, Don't Worry Be Healthy, Healthy Holiday Habits, Safe Summer & Healthy Skin, Recognizing and Reporting Elder Abuse and Neglect; Vitals 4 Life, and more; Brown Street, Chestertown; Call 667-343-3359; [www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/](http://www.umshoreregional.org/health-education/)

Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence - For victims of domestic abuse; You can get a protective order; Emergency shelters available; Learn more at [www.mscfv.org](http://www.mscfv.org).

Home Educators of the Eastern Shore - Local support group and cooperative for home schoolers in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties; [www.homeschool-life.com/MD/HEES](http://www.homeschool-life.com/MD/HEES).

Recovery In Motion - Wide range of free services and activities to support recovery and wellness; Groups, meetings, 1-on-1 peer support, assistance, basic computer skills, job search assistance, narcan training, prevention/education, recovery housing, movies and more; Crisis stabilization beds; 300 Scheeler Rd., Chestertown; Call 410-778-6404; Eastern Shore Crisis Response 1-888-407-8018; Suicide & Crisis Lifeline call or text 988; Veteran's Crisis Hotline 1-877-838-2838; Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-866-488-7386.

Lyme Disease Assoc. of Delmarva - Providing education and resources about lyme and other tick-borne diseases; Call 410-749-5963; [www.delmarvalyme.org](http://www.delmarvalyme.org).

Compass - Hospice care, grief support, counseling, Camp New Dawn, workshops, events & more in Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties; 255 Comet Dr., Centreville; Visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org).

Chester River Wellness Alliance - Offering health and wellness services and education; 106 Spring St., Chestertown; Learn more by visiting [www.crwell.org](http://www.crwell.org).

Feed the Children and Elderly Initiative - Delivering food and groceries to those in need in Kent County; To learn more, donate food, or volunteer contact Social Action for Racial Justice at [socialactionjustice@gmail.com](mailto:socialactionjustice@gmail.com); For details visit [www.sumnerhall.org](http://www.sumnerhall.org).

Are you an amputee - Want to talk to others about the challenges or help someone cope with the challenges associated with being an amputee; Call 443-480-4455.

Twelve Step Recovery - The Eastern Shore Alano Club is actively seeking twelve step groups for NA, GA, CDA, etc.; Anyone or any twelve step group interested in forming regular meetings at our recently remodeled club; Hosting AA and Al Anon meetings and available to support other twelve step groups; Call Patti 302-379-6866.



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Official shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for the following, unless otherwise noted. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit, unless otherwise noted. All dates are inclusive.

### SQUIRREL - GRAY, RED (PINEY) AND EASTERN FOX

Sept. 6, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily bag limit 6)

### EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBIT

Nov. 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily limit 4)

### QUAIL

Nov. 1, 2025-Jan. 15, 2026 (daily limit 6)

### PHEASANT

Nov. 1, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (daily limit 2)

### CROW

August 15, 2025-March 15, 2026 (Wed.-Sat. Only) (no limit)

### MUSKRAT & MINK

(trapping only) December 15, 2025-March 15, 2026 (no limit)

### FOX

(Red and Gray) Trapping, Firearms, Archery, and Airgun Nov. 15, 2025-Feb. 28, 2026 (no limit)

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### WILD TURKEY, WINTER SEASON

January 22-24, 2026\*, Statewide (fall 2025 and winter 2024 seasons have a combined bag limit of 1 turkey of either sex)

### WILD TURKEY, SPRING SEASON

Junior Hunt April 11/12\*, 2026

Apr 18-May 23 (daily bag limit 1 bearded turkey; possession limit of 2 bearded turkeys per season) Visit [http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting\\_Seasons\\_Calendar.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf) for Sunday hunting details

TYPE OF WOOD	LOG	DESCRIPTION OF WOOD
Oak	 RECOMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very dense</li> <li>• Hotburning</li> <li>• Should season at least one year</li> </ul>
Maple	 RECOMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to split</li> <li>• Efficient, hot-burning</li> <li>• Should season at least one year</li> </ul>
Cherry	 RECOMMENDED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burns at medium heat</li> <li>• Sweet burning aroma</li> <li>• Sparks a lot, does not produce lots of smoke</li> </ul>
Birch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burns very quickly</li> <li>• Bright, hot-burning</li> <li>• Good firestarter</li> </ul>
Pine		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High sap content</li> <li>• Burns messy</li> <li>• Don't use as your exclusive firewood</li> </ul>
Elm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very dense, hard wood</li> <li>• Difficult to split</li> <li>• Doesn't smell great as it burns</li> </ul>



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*As with all legal proceedings, it is important to remember that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**January 27, 2026:** D/S S. Steppe served a Kent County Circuit Court arrest warrant for CDS possession with the intent to distribute on Cameron Daevon Mills, age 34, of Chestertown, Maryland. Mills was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 28, 2026:** DFC B. Collins served a Dorchester County District Court bench warrant for violation of probation on Kyle William Porter, age 31, of Rock Hall, Maryland. Porter was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

**January 30, 2026:** DFC B. Collins served two Caroline County District Court criminal summons on John Wayne Burris, age 34, of Worton, Maryland, charging him with malicious destruction of property over \$1000 and violation of a protection order. Burris was released after signing for the summons.

**January 31, 2026:** D/S S. Steppe served a Kent County Circuit Court arrest warrant for vulnerable adult abuse - household/family member on Alan Dale Buckingham, age 59, of Galena, Maryland. Buckingham was held at Kent County Detention Center without bond.

Channel Marker - Mental health and wellness support; Providing mental illness treatment and prevention programs, wellness support and community services to individuals and families; Adult services, youth services, transition age youth, health home, group practice, residential services, residential crisis beds, and more; For more information call 410-822-4611 or visit [www.channelmarker.org](http://www.channelmarker.org).

Queen Anne's County Health Dept. - Free Colorectal cancer screening and skin cancer screening; To see if you qualify call 443-262-4509.



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## Community Events

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Every Sat 8am-12pm - Chestertown Farmers Market on High St. in downtown Chestertown; Fresh produce, eggs, herbs, baked goods, soaps, plants, flowers, meats and seafood, cheese, wine, chocolates, honey, butter, baked goods, berries, jam, pet treats, alpaca & wool products, artisans, crafters, and more; to learn more visit [www.chestertownfarmersmarket.org](http://www.chestertownfarmersmarket.org).

Every Sat 8am-12pm - Easton Farmers Market at 100 N. Harrison St., municipal parking lot, Easton; Rain or shine; Find details online at [www.facebook.com/eastonmarylandfarmersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/eastonmarylandfarmersmarket).

Every Sun 9am-1pm - Centreville Farmers Market at 101 Lawyers Row, Centreville; Call 410-708-0151 for more information; Send emails and questions to [centrevillefarmersmkt@gmail.com](mailto:centrevillefarmersmkt@gmail.com).

Through Feb. 26th - Kent County Jr. Wrestling at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pre-K-8th Grade; \$85/child resident, \$95/child nonresident; Tues & Thurs 5:15pm-7:15pm; Wed 5:30pm-7pm; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Find details about all classes and events at [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through Feb. 28th - Huge Gun & Sportsman's Prize Giveaway with Queen Anne-Hillboro Vol. Fire Co.; Ticket \$30/ea.; Each ticket can win more than once; Purchase tickets through PayPal at [www.qahvc.com](http://www.qahvc.com).

Through Feb. 28th - Micro Agricultural Grant Program Applications Accepted; Presented by the Upper Shore Regional Council; Grants offered to support expansion, diversification, marketing improvements, and agricultural research initiatives; Grants range from \$2,500 to \$10,000; Learn more at [www.kentcounty.com/grants](http://www.kentcounty.com/grants).

Through March 2nd - Kent Cultural Alliance Artist Grant applications accepted; Open to all Kent County artists; \$500 grant award; 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Call 410-778-3700; Visit [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org); Email [hester@kentculture.org](mailto:hester@kentculture.org).

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### FEBRUARY 2026 Dates to Remember

- 2 Groundhog Day (Mon.)
- 8 Super Bowl (Sun.)
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday (Thurs.)
- 14 Valentine's Day (Sat.)
- 16 Presidents' Day Observed (Mon.)
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Wed.)
- 18 Ramadan Begins (Wed.)
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### Who's Cookin' with Carla?

#### WONTON SOUP

24 Chicken Wontons, store-bought or homemade, no pork

1 Tbsp Sesame Oil

1 Tbsp Olive Oil

1 Small Shallot, finely sliced

3 Cloves Garlic, minced

1-1/2 Tbsp Fresh Ginger, grated

6 Oz Shiitake Mushrooms, thinly sliced

5 Cups Chicken Broth

1 Tbsp Soy Sauce

1 Tsp Rice Vinegar

1/2 Tsp White or Black Pepper

1/2 Tsp Salt, or to taste

1 Small Head Baby Bok Choy, sliced lengthwise

Desired Amount of Chopped Napa Cabbage, optional

Juice of 1 Lemon

Lemon Slices, for serving

2 Green Onions, thinly sliced

Chili Oil or Chili Crisp, optional, for topping

Heat sesame oil and olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add sliced shallot and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes, until softened. Stir in garlic and grated ginger and cook for 30 to 45 seconds, until fragrant. Add sliced shiitake mushrooms and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender and slightly caramelized.

Pour in chicken broth and bring to a gentle simmer. Stir in soy sauce, rice vinegar, salt, and pepper. Add the wontons and cook according to package instructions, about 4 to 5 minutes, until they float and are cooked through.

Add bok choy and Napa cabbage and simmer for 1 to 2 minutes, until just tender but still vibrant in color. Turn heat off and stir in fresh lemon juice. Ladle soup into bowls, making sure each serving has broth, mushrooms, bok choy, cabbage, and wontons.

Garnish with green onions, chili oil if desired, and lemon slices on the side.

♥♥ It's what's on the inside that counts - cook from the heart! ♥♥

## Cancer Screenings can Save Your Life



### WHY should you get screened?

- Colorectal Cancer (CRC) is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, and Maryland.
- Skin Cancer is THE MOST common form of cancer in the United States, regardless of skin color.
- Both CRC and Skin Cancer are **PREVENTABLE** with routine screenings.

### WHO should get screened?

- Colorectal Cancer: Adults age 45-75, or younger with family history
- Skin Cancer: Adults 18 years or older

### HOW do I get screened?

Ask your medical provider, or call Queen Anne's County Department of Health Cancer Screening Program at **443-262-4509**.

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Through March 21st - 15th Annual Small Works Exhibition at Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Call 410-758-2520; Visit [www.queenannescountyart.com](http://www.queenannescountyart.com).

Through March 25th 7:30pm-8:45pm - Indoor Soccer for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$45/resident, \$55/nonresident; Runs every Wed; Call 410-778-1948; Learn more at [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through March 30th 10am-11am - Tots of Fun for ages 0-5 at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Call 410-778-1948 for more information; Find details online at [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through March 31st - Season Package available at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Purchase five tickets for the price of four; Call 410-556-6003; Go to [www.churchhilltheatre.org](http://www.churchhilltheatre.org).

Through April 24th - Cornhole Club for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; Every Fri 5:30pm-7:45pm; Call 410-778-1948 for more information or visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Fri's through April 24th 5:30pm-7:45pm - Drop-In Basketball for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free with facility access card; For more information call 410-778-1948; Learn more at [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Through June 1st - Summer Camp registration open for Sultana Education Foundation; Details at [www.sultanaeducation.org](http://www.sultanaeducation.org); [Emakil.Ibrocker@sultanaeducation.org](mailto:Emakil.Ibrocker@sultanaeducation.org); Call 410-778-5954.

Through Oct. 31st - Platform Tennis for ages 16 and older at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; \$75/resident, \$90/nonresident; Call 410-778-1948; Visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Wed, Feb 11th 10am-2pm - MVA On Wheels & Online at 848 High St., Chestertown; By Appointment Only; For an appointment, a list of Motor Vehicle Administration services offered on the bus or to verify the bus schedule call 410-768-7000; Visit [www.mva.maryland.gov/](http://www.mva.maryland.gov/)

Wed, Feb. 11th - Boredom Busters Perler Bead Creations, Video Game Hangout, and Happiness Hour Creative Time for Grown-Ups at Kent County Public Library, 408 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 12th Storytime; Feb. 13th Teddy Bear Tea Party Valentines Day Edition; Feb. 14th Pizza & Make a Thing Bedazzled Vook Covers; Feb. 17th Storytime, Book Donations, African American Read-In Community Celebration of African American Authors; Feb. 18th Video Game Hangout; Feb. 19th Storytime, Brilliant Bookmarks; Get your library card for free movies, ebooks, online classes, and much more; Board members needed; Call 410-778-3636; [www.kentcountylibrary.org](http://www.kentcountylibrary.org).

Wed, Feb. 11th - Read to Rover, LEGO Guess & Win, Mobile Library: The Dream Lives On, Valentines Day Storytime, and Slugfest II: Electric Slugaloo at the Library at QAC Public Libraries in Centreville and Stevensville; Feb. 12th Lego Guess and Win, Tax-Aide Tax Prep, Next Chapter Book Club, Good Vibes Book Club, Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo; Feb. 13th Lego Guess & Win, Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo; Feb. 14th Make an Ambient Tune, Lego Guess & Win, AARP Tax-Aide Tax Prep, Ask a Master Gardener, Animal Habitats, Slugfest II Electric Slugaloo; Feb. 16th Library Closed; Feb. 17th Slugfest II Electric Slugaloo, Chess Club; Feb. 18th Social Services at the Library, Slugfest II Electronic Slugaloo, Paint like Alma Thomas; Call 410-758-0980 or 410-643-8161; Visit [www.qaclibrary.org](http://www.qaclibrary.org).

Wed, Feb. 11th-March 11th 5pm-5:45pm - Smart Spot Sports Football for ages 2 years 8 months to 5 years at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pizza provided for dinner; Call 410-778-1948.



## Dr. Truth®

### Dear Dr. Truth:

Granted we have eaten our fair share of game this season, but my girlfriend has decided to turn vegetarian. It was rough in the beginning - separate pans, knives, etc. Finally she came around to my way of thinking. I'm happy she's happy. She won't eat meat, but she still likes the bone! Get it? Yeah, I get it. So does Dead Eye Dick. Nice try, but I already know the song. Must be muskrat love **Carnivorous**

### Dear Carnivorous,

Yeah, I get it. So does Dead Eye Dick. Nice try, but I already know the song. Must be muskrat love ... **AND THAT'S THE TRUTH!**



## Getting Acquainted With Herbs

Fragrance has a universal appeal. Rose, the symbol of love, is one popular scent. Rosewater made from the petals is an ancient cologne which can also be used to flavor cakes and cookies and is often an ingredient in Mideastern cuisine.

Cologne can be made from a single flower such as a rose, jasmine, or gardenia or from herb plants like lavender and patchouli.

George Washington's favorite cologne - known simply as number (a numbered identification given to formulas while blending) - is still produced by originator Caswell Massey. Washington frequently purchased the product for his use and was also known to have given it as a gift to the Marquis de Lafayette.

Caswell Massey, founded in 1752, is the oldest chemist and perfumers brand that is still in operation in America. Their motto is *America's Original*.

White rose perfume, a favorite of Dolly Madison, was introduced for women by Caswell Massey.

Cleopatra drenched the sails of her barge in rose water and covered the floors of her palace with rose petals.

The use of rose petals was considered a symbol of beauty and romance.

In the language of flowers, the red rose is known as a symbol of love. Yellow stands for jealousy, pink conveys gratitude, white is for purity, and black roses are most frequently associated with mourning.

The fragrance of cut flowers can be extended by drying them for use in a potpourri. Save the carnations and rose petals from valentine bouquets! Dry them on an elevated screen or paper towels, then mix with spices, herbs, and orris root for a homemade potpourri. Add chopped vanilla bean or cinnamon sticks for a long lasting scent. Essential oils or your favorite fragrance oil can also be added to preserve the scent.

A good blend for a simmering potpourri is lavender, mint, and torn eucalyptus leaves.

A simple blend of orange peels, apple cores, and bay leaves in water, simmered on stove top, will provide a fresh and pleasant aroma.

Create your own blend by using materials on hand and adding new ingredients as needed.

Wed, Feb. 11th - Clay Studio at RiverArts, 343 High St., Chestertown; Feb. 12th Clay Studio open Studio, Handbuilding for Beginners, Beginner Wheel; Feb. 13th Clay Studio Open Studio, Artist Gallery Talk, The Prompted Image: A Challenge to Artists; Feb. 14th KidSPOT Saturday Drop In, Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 15th Clay Studio Open Studio; Feb. 16th Intro to Potters Wheel; Feb. 18th Clay Studio Open Studio, Board Meeting; Feb. 19th Clay Studio Open Studio, Photography Club; Every 1st & 3rd Thurs. Photography Club; Every Sat. KidSpot 9am-12pm; Every Tues.-Sun. Open Studio; Every 2nd & 4th Tues. Tapestry; Call 410-778-6300; [www.ctownra.org](http://www.ctownra.org).

Wed, Feb. 11th 7pm - Open Mic Night at The Mainstay, 5753 N. Main St., Rock Hall; Admission is free; For more information visit [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Thurs, Feb. 12th 5:30pm - Pub Nite at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Dan Saunders Doo Wop; Free, open to all; Call 410-639-9133 for more information or visit [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Thurs, Feb. 12th 6pm-8pm - In Person Public Hearing for the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing at Kent Island High School, 900 Love Point Rd., Stevensville; 5pm-6pm Open House; Register to provide public or private testimony; Draft and information available at [www.baycrossingstudy.com](http://www.baycrossingstudy.com); Call 667-203-5408.

Fri, Feb. 13th - Botanical Drawing II at Adkins Arboretum, 12610 Eveland Rd., Ridgely; Feb. 20th Botanical Drawing II; Feb. 27th Botanical Drawing II; Feb. 28th Designing with Native Plants; For more information call 410-634-2847; Find details online at [www.adkinsarboretum.org](http://www.adkinsarboretum.org).

Sat, Feb. 14th - Weekend Workshop: Drawing for Beginners Learning to use Line & Value at Academy Art Museum, 114 N. Washington St., Easton; Feb. 18th-March 25th Homeschool Art Class Ages 11-17; Feb. 21st & 22nd Intro to Monoprints; Feb. 21st Christopher Rauschenberg Lecture: Roberts Rauschenberg's Photographic Legacy in Context; Homeschool Mini Sessions; Piano, Guitar, & Voice Lessons; Call 410-822-2787; Visit [www.academyartmuseum.org](http://www.academyartmuseum.org) for more information.

Sat, Feb. 14th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register online and find more information by visiting [www.sumnerhall.org/dash](http://www.sumnerhall.org/dash).

**Time Traveler** 

*By Mrs. H.*

**February 10, 1956 – Kent County News**  
 A change in ownership and name of one of Chestertown's oldest firms was announced this week with R. Clark Davis purchasing from C. C. Jones the latter's share of the business they conducted under the name of Jones and Davis Hardware. Henceforth the firm will be known as Davis Hardware. The business was originally established by Chapman and Lambert. The late John C. Davis, a former sheriff, started an implement business sometime after the turn of the century, and a few years later he and the late Charles N. Satterfield bought the carriage works and blacksmith shop of Chapman and Lambert.

Sat, Feb. 14th 5pm-7pm - Valentine's Sweetheart Ball for ages 0-12 at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Free; Must register; A chance for kids to bring their adult sweetheart out for a formal evening of food, dancing and memories; Call 410-778-1948; [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Sat, Feb. 14th 7pm-9:30pm - For the Love of Artists: Sue Matthews in Concert at The Bank, High St., Chestertown; Benefits Kent Cultural Alliance; Ticket \$45; Call 410-778-3700; Visit [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org).

Sat, Feb. 14th 9am-3pm - Cookbook Swap at Welcome Home Chestertown, 107 S. Cross St., Chestertown; Free, open to public; Bring a gently used cookbook from home & leave with one from a neighbor; Anyone who brings a cookbook receives 10% off anything in store that day; Call 443-282-0020 for details or email [welcomehomechestertown@gmail.com](mailto:welcomehomechestertown@gmail.com).

Sun, Feb. 15th 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Free; 3-4 hour tour using personal vehicle, stopping at various points; Binoculars and field guides recommended; Call 410-228-2677; Go to [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater) to learn more about all upcoming guided birding tours.

Mon, Feb. 16th 6pm - Town of Galena Park & Tree Committee Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Visit [www.townofgalena.com](http://www.townofgalena.com).

Mon, Feb. 16th - Small Diesel Familiarization and Maintenance at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels; Feb. 17th Rising Tide After-School Workshop, Small Diesel and Familiarization and Maintenance; Feb. 19th Rising Tide After-School Workshop; Feb. 21st-22nd Drawing Boats; Call 410-745-4941; Visit [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org) for details.

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*Who's Cookin' with Carla?*

### GINGER GARLIC NOODLE SOUP

2 Tbsp Olive Oil or Sesame Oil  
 1 Medium Onion  
 5 Cloves Garlic, minced  
 2 Tbsp Fresh Ginger, finely grated  
 6 Cups Vegetable Broth or Chicken Broth  
 1 Tbsp Soy Sauce or Tamari  
 1 Tsp Rice Vinegar or Lemon Juice  
 1/2 Tsp Turmeric Powder  
 1/2 Tsp Black Pepper  
 Salt, to taste  
 4 Oz Rice Noodles or Egg Noodles  
 1 Cup Mushrooms, thinly sliced  
 1 Cup Carrots, julienned  
 2 Cups Baby Spinach or Bok Choy  
 2 Green Onions, sliced  
 Fresh Cilantro or Parsley, for garnish  
 Chili Flakes or Sesame Seeds for topping, optional

Heat the olive or sesame oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the sliced onion and sauté for 4 minutes, until soft and translucent. Stir in the minced garlic and grated ginger and cook for 1 minute, until fragrant and warming. Pour in the broth and bring to a gentle boil.

Add soy sauce, rice vinegar or lemon juice, turmeric, black pepper, and salt. Stir well to combine. Add the mushrooms and carrots and simmer for 5 minutes, until slightly tender.

Add the noodles and cook according to package instructions, until just tender. Stir in the spinach or bok choy and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, until wilted.

Taste and adjust seasonings if needed. Ladle the hot soup into bowls and garnish with green onions, fresh herbs, and optional chili flakes or sesame seeds for topping.

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## The Journey

It's early February of 1962, at age 17, with my father's consent I enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Mom had had cancer and had recently passed away.

It's the summer of 1962, here she comes walking down the street and into my life, she's wearing tan peddle pushers, white blouse, white sneakers, a barrette with a tiny bow on it in her hair. I was in awe of her beauty, her smile, her blond hair, and her femininity, to me she was head to toe perfect. Where has this girl been all my teen years?

She's not my first romance, after all I had my own car. Back then girls were more likely to date boys with a car.

Our first date was a double date, of course at a drive-in theater. The first kiss and the thousands that have followed remind me of the Jimmie Rodgers song "Kisses Sweeter Than Wine". It closely mirrors our life. We started dating. Eventually they became regular and frequent, shopping together, day tripping to state parks, amusement parks, joining a bowling league, just being together with her brought joy to my life.

While Christmas shopping together at a Montgomery Wards I abruptly stopped at the jewelry department counter, diamond engagement rings were in the display case. Looking into your eyes I said, "pick one". You looked down at the rings then up at me, questioning, "are you sure?", Answering, "yes", and now with a huge beaming smile, you looked down at the rings and within seconds, pointing saying "that one". That was my surprise proposal to you, it had not been preplanned and I took the words "that one" as your acceptance. In an attempt at humor I told you I would pick out a date unforgettable for me, I did, Groundhogs Day

Now, 2pm on February 2, 1963, two weeks short of my 19th birthday, I'm in a tuxedo, standing at the alter of St. Clement's Church, in Rosedale, noticeably trembling, wondering what am I doing?, Am I mature enough?, Am I able to support her?, Am I ready for what the future would bring?. My loving you was never in question, that was a fact of life. The wedding guests are all seated, the wedding march begins. I turn to face your approach. Your brother Joey is walking you down the aisle and giving the bride away. Your father whom I had never met, had also passed away from cancer. I was again amazed at your beauty and your grace.

Joey gives me your hand, the trembling and all my worries melt away as I touch it, I give you a reassuring smile. It's cold and gloomy outside, light snow is falling but seeing you has made this day bright, warm and cheerful.

Five wonderfully magical months pass. The Navy calls me to active duty. A flight to Spain put me on a destroyer in the Mediterranean Sea in February 1964 just two weeks before your due date. Notification of the birth of our first child, a beautiful little girl, arrived 3 days after her birth. Your letters and photos take weeks to arrive. It will be nearly six months before I see and hold you both.

I have to speed this journey up. I was only going to do this in snippets but got carried away with the memories.

To our four wonderful caring children, eight grand children and currently, seven great-grand-children, I hope each of them will keep and treasure our romantic journey.

This journey that has taken us on the road to the Golden Years had its rough spots, at times hard work for both of us, but you kept us going. Most of the time you did without things for yourself for the sake of me and our children. That's what wives and mothers do, family first.

This writing could have been summed up in these 14 words, "Carol, I am and always will be in love with you, Happy 63rd Anniversary" I believe in my heart I was in love with you the instant I saw you but didn't realize it. (I didn't forget Groundhogs Day, but because of the printers schedule I have chosen the belated option for publishing this article in the Valentine's Day edition of the Tidewater Trader with selected photos.) Have a Happy and Blessed Valentine's Day.

Now could your husband sum up a romantic but sometimes turbulent 63 year journey into marriage with his perfect life choice in just 14 words? No he could not.

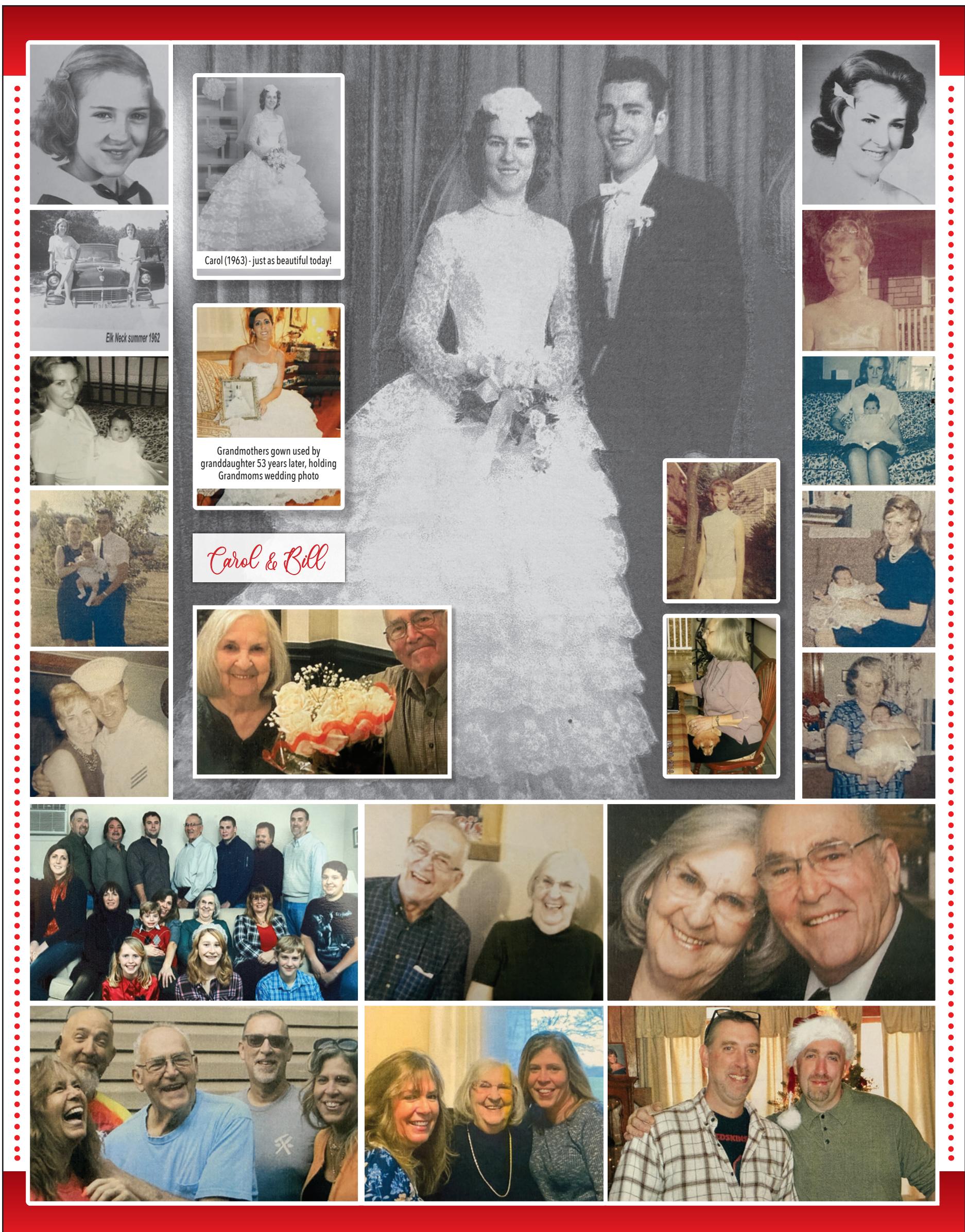
I hope my remembrance of our journey together brings a smile to your face and a tear to your eyes as it did to me.

God bless you Carol, yours always.

Your loving and most grateful husband,

*William*

*"Now that I am old and ready to go, I got to thinking what happened along time ago, had a lot of kids, a lot of trouble and pain but oops oh Lord, I would do it all again, because you still have 'kisses sweeter than wine'."*



Mon, Feb. 16th 7pm-8:30pm - Eula Biss: Revolution in the Personal Essay at Washington College, 300 Washington Ave., Chestertown; lit\_house@washcoll.edu.

Tues, Feb. 17th 6pm-8:30pm - 206 Tuesdays at Six Open Mic at QAC Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville; Free; All welcome; RSVP to 410-758-2520; Visit [www.queenannescountyarts.com](http://www.queenannescountyarts.com).

Tues, Feb. 17th 7:30pm - Celebrate Mardi Gras with The Alligators at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$25; Call 410-639-9133; [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Tues, Feb. 17th 4pm-7pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; \$12/adult, \$6/ages 6-11, ages 5 & under free; Benefits CVFD; Call 410-778-6100.

Tues, Feb. 17th 4pm-7pm (or until sold out) - Pancakes at Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., 21500 Rock Hall Ave.; Pancakes, sausage, scrapple, hash browns, bacon, eggs & danish; \$15/adults, \$6/under age 10; Call 410-639-7888; [www.rockhallvfc.org](http://www.rockhallvfc.org).

Tues, Feb. 17th 5pm-7pm - African-American Read-In at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Celebrate African-American authors, literacy, reading & diversity in literature; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp).

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Thurs, Feb. 19th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for Free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Additional Dates are: March 5th, March 19th & April 2nd; AARP membership not required; Program open to taxpayers of all ages; Must be a MD resident; For appointments call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail; Learn more by visiting [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com).

Thurs, Feb. 19th 7pm - Town of Betterton Board of Appeals Public Hearing to consider an application for variance at Town Hall, 100 Main St., Betterton; For details visit [www.townofbetterton.com](http://www.townofbetterton.com).

Fri, Feb. 20th 5:30pm-8pm - Kids Night Out for Pre-K-5th Grade at Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Pizza provided for dinner; Visit [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Fri, Feb. 20th 7:30pm - Joe Holt with Lester Barrett & Gus Mercante at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Cash bar; Call 410-639-9133; [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Thurs-Sun, Feb. 20th-March 8th - "Misery" at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs Thurs, Fri and Sun; Call 410-810-2060; [www.garfieldcenter.org](http://www.garfieldcenter.org).

Sat, Feb. 21st 7pm-10pm - "The Ramblers" at Millington VFW Post #652, 30922 River Rd.; Dances 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month; All are welcome; On Facebook; Call 410-928-3234; [vfwpost652@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost652@gmail.com).

Sat, Feb. 21st 7:30pm - Stephen Philip Harvey Jazz Orchestra at the Ebenezer Theater at the Prager Family Center for the Arts, 17 S. Washington St., Easton; Presented by Chesapeake Music; Tickets at [www.chesapeakemusic.org](http://www.chesapeakemusic.org).

Sat, Feb. 21st 1:30pm-3pm - In Pursuit of Liberty: The United Stated Colored Troops at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; RSVP appreciated; Visit [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp).

Sun, Feb. 22nd 8am - Guided Birding Tour at Blackwater NWR Visitors Center, 2145 Key Wallace Dr., Cambridge; Call 410-228-2677; Visit [www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/blackwater).



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**If Your Birthday Is This Week:** A Sun-Uranus link at the start of your birthday week will bring all sorts of unexpected developments. Some will be welcome and some will not but all can be utilized to change your life for the better. The future is always what you choose to make of it.

**ARIES (March 21 - April 20):** If someone gives you unasked for advice this week don't tell them to mind their own business because they could be doing you a very big favor. It may be they can see something you have missed, something that could save you a lot of money.

**TAURUS (April 21 - May 21):** You need to raise your sights on the work front and do things that get your superiors talking about your talents. You may not be the most flashy member of the zodiac but when you get going there is usually no stopping you.

**GEMINI (May 22 - June 21):** A shift in the way you approach life could result in big gains over the coming week, so don't be afraid to experiment with new ideas and new methods. You won't get everything right but you will do enough to stand out from the crowd.

**CANCER (June 22 - July 23):** A more understanding approach to how you deal with people will be needed over the next few days. It would help immensely if you could see past your differences and notice instead the things you have in common, of which there are plenty.

**LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23):** Your problems are not as bad as you think they are and what occurs around the time of the solar eclipse on Tuesday will cheer you up no end - and your more upbeat outlook will have a welcome knock-on effect on your relationships.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19):** There is a solar eclipse in your sign on Tuesday and the Sun leaves your sign the following day, so there is still time - just - to do something amazing. Put a name to your dream and then go after it with unrelenting passion and power.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20):** A very personal issue needs to be resolved and the upcoming solar eclipse will put you in the perfect position to deal with it once and for all. Be careful and be kind but don't let anyone stop you doing what you know must be done.

**Maryland's Tax-Free Weekend on Certain Energy Star Products is February 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend is an annual three-day period in February when Maryland's 6% sales tax does not apply to the sale of qualifying Energy Star products. Shop Maryland Energy will occur in perpetuity (or until legislative amendment) from the third Monday in February until the third Monday of February. For 2026, the three-day period begins at 12:01am Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and continues through 11:59pm on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. During this Tax-Free Weekend, qualifying Energy Star products are tax-free: air conditioners, clothes washers and clothes dryers, furnaces, heat pumps, boilers, solar water heaters (tax-exempt at all times now), standard size refrigerators, dehumidifiers, programmable thermostats, and compact fluorescent light bulbs. There is no limit on the number of qualifying products you can buy during this tax-free period.

Both the vendor and the buyer must keep a record of the transaction for four years from the date of purchase. This requirement is in addition to all other record-keeping requirements under Maryland law.

Look for details this summer about Maryland's tax-free week on clothing and footwear priced \$100 or less, which occurs during the second week of August this year.

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Sun, Feb. 22nd 3pm-5pm - Dinner at Chestertown Elks Lodge #2474, 8631 Bell Rose Lane, Chestertown; Lasagna and/or Spaghetti & Meatballs with salad, plain garlic bread, assorted desserts & drinks; \$16/ages 12 & up, \$7/ages 7-11, Free/under age 7; Carryouts available; Call 410-639-7062.

Mon, Feb. 23rd 7pm - Town of Galena Planning & Zoning Meeting at 101 S. Main St., Galena; Call 410-648-5151; Learn more at [www.townofgalena.com](http://www.townofgalena.com).

Wed, Feb. 25th 7:30pm-9pm - Open Mic with Ford Schumann at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Runs the last Wed. of each month; For more information call 410-810-2060; Send emails to [schumannford@gmail.com](mailto:schumannford@gmail.com).

Sat, Feb. 28th 7:30pm - The Black Eyed Suzies Bluegrass at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Tickets \$25; All female bluegrass band; Call 410-639-9133; Go to [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org); See ad in this week's issue.

Sat, Feb. 28th 11am - Sassafras River Ducks Unlimited and Galena Vol. Fire Co. 4th Annual Sportsman's Bash at Galena VFC, 90 E. Cross St., Galena; 17 winners on the main ticket; \$5/\$10/\$15 gun raffle tables, 50/50 cash raffles, money wheel, other raffles, food, cash bar, and more; \$65/entry and raffle chance, \$35/non-entry raffle chance; Need not be present to win; Ages 18 and older to participate and attend; Must be ages 21 and older to claim handguns; Sponsorships available; Visit [www.ducks.org/maryland#events](http://www.ducks.org/maryland#events); Send emails to [saredwards@verizon.net](mailto:saredwards@verizon.net).

Sat, Feb. 28th 9am-11am - Osprey Explorations at Kent School, Wilkins Lane, Chestertown; Free; Open to the public; Ages 3-6; Call 410-778-4100 for more information; Find details online by visiting [www.kentschool.org](http://www.kentschool.org).

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Sat, Feb. 28th 5pm-11pm - Carmen's Charity Casino Gala at The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, 500 Marina Club Rd., Stevensville; Presented by Not My Child; \$250/pp; For tickets visit [www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala](http://www.notmychildinc.org/carmens-charity-casino-gala).

Sat, Feb. 28th 2pm-4pm - Soul Line Dance Showcase at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Free; RSVP appreciated at [www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp](http://www.sumnerhall.org/rsvp).

Sun, March 1st 2pm - Abeo Quartet at the Ebenezer Theater at the Prager Family Center for the Arts, 17 S. Washington St., Easton; Presented by Chesapeake Music; Tickets at [www.chesapeakemusic.org](http://www.chesapeakemusic.org).

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Mon, March 2nd 7pm - Live Playwrights' Society at Garfield Center for the Arts, 210 High St., Chestertown; Call 410-810-2060; [www.garfieldcenter.org](http://www.garfieldcenter.org).

Tues, March 3rd 10am-2pm - Spring/Summer Clothing Donations Accepted at the Nearly New Shop, 320 High St., Chestertown; Benefits UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown; Call 410-778-1781.

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Wed, March 4th 12pm - RH Senior's Lunch Group meets at 21273 Sharp St., Rock Hall; Open to all seniors; Meets 1st Wed Monthly; Call 410-810-2074.

Thurs, March 5th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Additional Dates in March & April; AARP membership not required; Must be a MD resident; For appt. call 443-485-1153, leave a voicemail.

Fri, March 6th 5pm-7pm - First Friday Celebration in Downtown Chestertown; Extended shopping hours and specials; Visit [www.downtownchestertown.org](http://www.downtownchestertown.org) for more information.

Fri, March 6th 8pm - First Friday with Joe Holt at The Mainstay, N. 5753 Main St., Rock Hall; Ticket \$20/advance, \$25/door; Call 410-639-9133 for more information; Find details about all upcoming Mainstay concerts at [www.mainstayrockhall.org](http://www.mainstayrockhall.org).

Sat, March 7th 9am-12pm - Join The Republicans of Kent at the Farmers Market at Kent Republican Headquarters, 302 Park Row, Chestertown; Register to vote; Change party affiliation; Volunteers welcome; Call 410-924-4442 for more information; For details visit [www.gopofkent.com](http://www.gopofkent.com) or [www.kentcountyrc.com](http://www.kentcountyrc.com)

Sun, March 8th 7:30am-10:30am - All You Can Eat Breakfast at Crumpton Vol. Fire Dept., 300 Third St., Crumpton; Held 2nd Sunday of each month; \$12/ages 13 and older, \$6/ages 6-12, ages 5 & under free; Call 410-778-6100.

Tues, March 10th 10am - Senior Nature Hikes for ages 55 and older at Sassafras Natural Resources Management area, with Kent County Parks & Recreation and Community Center; Next hike April 14th; Call 410-778-1948; [www.kentparksandrec.org/](http://www.kentparksandrec.org/)

Fri-Sun, March 13th-29th - "Lend Me A Soprano" at Church Hill Theatre, 103 Walnut St., Church Hill; Fri & Sat's 7:30pm, Sun's 2pm; \$25/adults, \$20/members, \$15/students; For tickets and more information call 410-556-6003; Find details online at [www.churchhilltheatre.org](http://www.churchhilltheatre.org).

Sat, March 14th 9am-3pm - Safe Sitter Class at UM Shore Medical Center at Easton's Health Education Center, 219 South Washington St., Easton; Ages 11-13; \$50/pp, Safe Sitter kit included; Registration encouraged, space is limited; To register, contact [gladys.peeples@umm.edu](mailto:gladys.peeples@umm.edu); Call 410-822-1000, ext. 5234; Learn more at [www.umms.org/shore](http://www.umms.org/shore).

Sat, March 14th 1pm-2:30pm - DASH Freedom to Dream Academy at Sumner Hall, 206 S. Queen St., Chestertown; Monthly reading program designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and a love of reading; Ages 5-10 years old; All are welcome; Register at [www.sumnerhall.org/dash](http://www.sumnerhall.org/dash).

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1 Small Onion, diced  
1/2 Tsp Red pepper Flakes, optional  
One 14 Oz Can Diced Tomatoes  
1/2 Tsp Dried Oregano  
1/2 Tsp Dried Basil  
1/2 Tsp Salt  
1/4 Tsp Black Pepper  
Two 15 Oz Cans Cannellini Beans, drained and rinsed  
1 Small Head Escarole, chopped (or use spinach or kale)  
1/4 Cup Vegetable Broth or Water  
Grated Parmigiano Reggiano, for serving  
Crusty Bread or Cooked Ditalini Pasta, optional

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, and red pepper flakes. Sauté until softened, about 3 minutes. Stir in diced tomatoes, oregano, basil, salt, and black pepper. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add cannellini beans and escarole. Pour in vegetable broth and stir to combine. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes, until greens are wilted and flavors meld. Serve hot with grated Parmigiano Reggiano and crusty bread, or mix into ditalini pasta.

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Mary  
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Wyatt  
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Sat, March 14th 1pm - Texas Hold 'Em at Queen Anne-Hillsboro Vol. Fire Co., 13512 First St., Queen Anne; Doors open 11am; \$100 entry fee, no re-buy, includes soda and water; Food and beer available; Prize money payout to all 8 finalists; To register call 443-786-4532 or 410-924-1860; Send emails to [tdifatta@comcast.net](mailto:tdifatta@comcast.net) or to [khope80@hotmail.com](mailto:khope80@hotmail.com); Find details online by visiting [www.qahvfc.com](http://www.qahvfc.com).

Sat, March 14th 5:30pm - "A Night at the Races" video horse races at Betterton Fire House, 2 Howell Point Rd., Betterton; 12 races; \$15 admission at door; Ages 21 and older; No smoking; Benefits local charities; Bring a nonperishable food item donation for Kent County Christmas Baskets.

Tues, March 17th 6pm - Chevrolet Corvette Fans "No" Club Corvette Enthusiasts meet at Procolino's, Kent Plaza, Chestertown; Meets every third Tues. monthly at 6pm, March through Nov., weather permitting; No dues, rules, regs, by-laws, officers, agenda; A social gathering of like-minded Corvette enthusiasts; Send emails to [m.waal@breezelinc.net](mailto:m.waal@breezelinc.net).

Thurs, March 19th 10am-5pm - AARP Foundation Tax Aide Volunteers will be doing Federal and Maryland income taxes for free at Kent Co. Community Center, 11041 Worton Rd., Worton; Additional date in April; AARP membership not req'd; Must be a MD resident; For appt. call 443-485-1153, leave message; [www.easternshoretaxaide.com](http://www.easternshoretaxaide.com).

Sat, March 21st 5:30pm-10pm - Island Beach Bash Benefit Concert at Kent Island Resort, Farmstead Building, 500 Kent Manor Dr., Stevensville; \$175/pp includes all entertainment, food, drinks, auction access and prize entries; Purchase tickets at [www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-beach-bash-tickets](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-beach-bash-tickets); Call 410-924-7744 for more information.

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Fri-Sun, March 27th-29th - 17th Annual Poetry Festival at Kent Cultural Alliance, Raimond Cultural Center, 101 Spring Ave., Chestertown; Poetry jam, eco poetry workshop, Jericho Brown, and community open mic; Call 410-778-3700 for more information; Details are available online by visiting [www.kentculture.org](http://www.kentculture.org).

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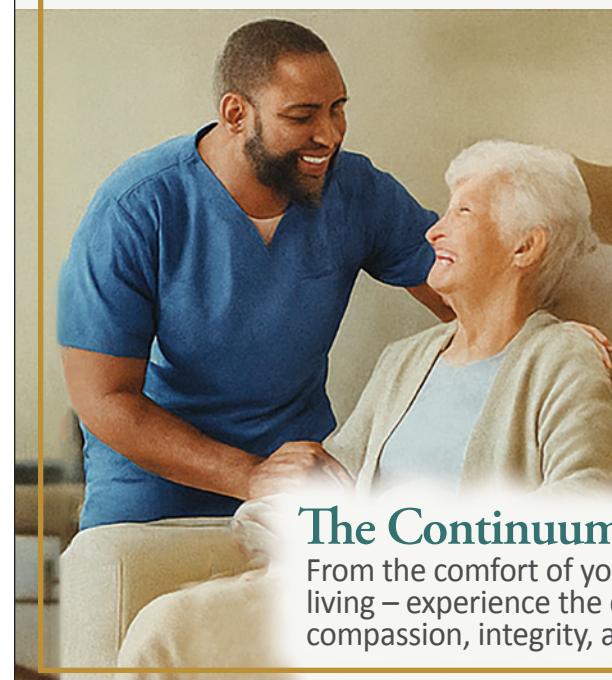
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Sat, March 28th 8am-1pm - Indoor Craft & Yard Sale at Caroline Co. 4-H Park, 8230 Detour Rd., Denton; Benefits Caroline Co. 4-H Programs; Crafters, direct sales consultants, flea market items; All vendors welcome; \$15/table; To reserve a space call Joanne at 410-479-0565 or email caroco4hcraftshow@gmail.com.

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## Fond Farewells

**Marshall Lodge McSorley**, 38, passed away February 8, 2026. He was born May 31, 1987. Visitation will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. On Wednesday, February 18, 2026 visitation will be held from 11:00am to 12:00pm and the Funeral Service will begin at 12:00pm at the funeral home. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**William Thomas Wolfrey, III**, 84, passed away February 7, 2026. He was born April 14, 1941. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Helen Elizabeth "Sis" Williams**, 81, of Worton, Maryland, passed away February 7, 2026, at home, surrounded by her loving family. Sis was born November 10, 1944 in Chestertown, Maryland to the late Robert S. and Helen Benjamin Hadaway. A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech in Galena, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 1:00pm at the funeral home and will be followed by Burial in Chester Cemetery in Chestertown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

**James David Jankowski**, 87, passed away February 6, 2026. He was born November 19, 1938. Visitation will be held Friday, February 13, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:00am and will be followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland. Burial will be held at 12:00pm at Chesterfield Cemetery in Centreville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Tracey Ann Blades**, 37, passed away February 6, 2026. She was born September 21, 1988. A viewing will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2026 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 4:00pm at the funeral home. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Daniel "Dan" Maltby Rugg, III**, 80, passed away February 6, 2026. He was born December 30, 1945. When service details have been finalized the information will be posted on the funeral home's website. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Virginia Ann Bryden**, 94, passed away February 5, 2026. Virginia was born September 3, 1931, to the late William Henry Fithian and Ruth Emma Downey. A viewing will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rock Hall, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 2:00pm at the church and will be followed by Burial at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**John "Jay" Wayne Slagle**, 36, passed away February 5, 2026 at Christiana Care in Wilmington, Delaware. He was born November 13, 1989, son of Carey Slagle and Wayne Slagle. A graveside service will be held on Monday, February 13, 2026 at 1:00pm at Chester Cemetery in Chestertown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech*

**Mary Anne Hartman**, 85, of Grasonville, Maryland, died February 5, 2026 at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland. Mary Anne was born February 10, 1940 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Edward J. Gallagly, Sr. and Nora Zwillinger. The family will be having a private remembrance gathering in the spring, rumored to include a bagpiper, in honor of Mary Anne's great pride in her Scotch-Irish lineage. Details will be posted on the funeral home's website when they are completed. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Edgar Kent Merkle**, 88, a United States Army Veteran, of Chestertown, Maryland, died peacefully February 4, 2026. He was born March 23, 1937 in Washington, D.C., the son of the late Edgar A. and Kathleen Merkle. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Chestertown, Maryland. The service will be livestreamed. Relatives and friends are welcome to call at the church one hour prior to the service, from 9:00am to 10:00am. Private interment will be held in Old St. Paul's Cemetery in Chestertown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Barbara Anna Dawkins**, 81, of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away peacefully February 2, 2026 in her home. Barbara was born July 12, 1944 in Chestertown, Maryland, the daughter of the late John David Hurd and Helen (Maslin) Hurd. Services were held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. A viewing was held one hour prior from 10:00am to 11:00am at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Chester Cemetery in Chestertown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Joan Ruth Joiner Melvin**, 70, passed away February 2, 2026 in Fairlee, Maryland, surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born November 1, 1955 in Rock Hall, Maryland, the daughter of the late Robert Weldon Joiner and Augusta "Gussie" Joiner. Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church in Rock Hall, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 12:00pm at the church and will be followed by Burial in the church cemetery. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**William "Billy" H. Fleetwood, III**, 63, of Lake Park, Georgia, passed away unexpectedly February 1, 2026, at South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, Georgia. Billy was born March 10, 1962 at Easton Memorial Hospital in Easton, Maryland, the beloved son of the William "Bill" H. Fleetwood, Mr. and the late Sheila M. Fleetwood. Following the family's wishes, no formal services will be held at this time. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Calvin Charles Hartigan**, 87, a United States Air Force veteran, passed away suddenly February 1, 2026 at his home in Chestertown, Maryland. Calvin was born July 16, 1939 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, son of the late Harold Willard Hartigan and Ida Marie Hartigan. Services will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 12:00pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. A viewing will be held one hour prior, from 11:00am to 12:00pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Crampton Cemetery in Crampton, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Ronald David Demby**, 71 of Chestertown, Maryland, passed away January 31, 2026, at University of Maryland Hospital. Ronald was born January 5, 1955 in Church Hill, Maryland, the son of the late Joseph Wilson and Anna "Demby". A Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:00am to 11:00am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland. Services will begin at 11:00am. Interment will be held in Roseville Cemetery in Centreville, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

**Rendal Freddie "Lew" "Bro. Lewis" Lewis, Sr.**, 84, received his wings January 29, 2026 at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rendal was born March 5, 1941 in Baltimore, Maryland. Visitation was held on Friday, February 6, 2026 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Bennie Smith Funeral Home in Chestertown, Maryland and on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 10:00am to 11:30am at St. Paul Union American Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Delaware, where the Funeral Service began at 12:00pm. *Arrangements by Bennie Smith Funeral Home*

**Peter Albert Srsic**, 65, passed away unexpectedly January 28, 2026, from natural causes, at his place of residence in Chester, Maryland. Peter Albert Srsic was born February 18, 1960 in Baltimore, Maryland. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026. Visitation will be held from 8:00am to 9:30am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chester, Maryland. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10:00am at St. Christopher's Church in Chester, Maryland. Afterward a Christian Burial will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church Cemetery in Queenstown, Maryland. *Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home*

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## Edgar Kent Merkle

March 23, 1937 – February 4, 2026



Edgar Kent Merkle of Chestertown, Maryland died peacefully on February 4, 2026. He was 88.

He was born in Washington, D.C. on March 23, 1937, the son of the late Edgar A. and Kathleen Merkle and brother of the late Shirley Ritter. Kent graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School (1955) and Georgetown University (1959). He served his country from 1961 to 1963 as a Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Thereafter, he began his career in publishing at the family business, Merkle Press. In the early 1970's, he left Merkle Press to form a partnership which launched a new publishing company where he stayed until his retirement in 1990.

He married Carole Nadine Suffridge in 1962. They enjoyed a beautiful union until her death in 2023.

Kent took a great interest in Catholic education and served as a Trustee and Chair of the Board of Trustees at The Mater Dei School in Bethesda, Maryland and served as a Trustee at Georgetown Preparatory School. In 1998, he was honored to have received the Insignis Medal from Georgetown Prep. The Insignis Medal, rooted in the Jesuit tradition of "Insignis in domino" — meaning "outstanding service to the Lord" — celebrates exceptional dedication to community and faith. He was a member of Columbia Country Club, Congressional Country Club, Burning Tree Club, and Chester River Country Club. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Early in his life he had a great passion for golf with a scratch handicap. However, Kent found other ways to spend his time when he and Carole bought a farm in Kent County, Maryland in 1984 and relocated from Chevy Chase, Maryland permanently in 1998. His interests turned to the farm and the wildlife on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. A life-long fan of barbershop quartet music, he joined three other enthusiasts and joyfully sang barbershop for a number of years at local events. He also was proud to have been a member of the Chester River Chorale and enjoyed singing and making music. Kent deeply embraced the motto of being a "man for others" and was loved by all. He will be dearly missed for his affection, humor, intellect, sage advice, and cooking without a recipe.

He is survived by: his children Melanie Merkle Sieber (Kurt) of Chestertown, Maryland and Phillip Merkle (Debbie) of Bethesda, Maryland; his grandchildren Gregory Sieber, Brooke Maxey (Garrett), Madeline Merkle, and Brian Merkle; his great grandchild Kent Richard Maxey; and nephew Lee Ritter (Gina).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Chestertown, Maryland. The service will be livestreamed. Relatives and friends are welcome to call at the church one hour prior to the service, from 9:00am to 10:00am. Private interment will be held in Old St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Kent's name to the Animal Care Shelter of Kent County, 10168 Worton Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.



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## Virginia Ann Bryden

September 3, 1931 – February 5, 2026



Virginia Ann Bryden of Rock Hall, MD – affectionately known by many as "Nana" – died peacefully at home on February 5, 2026. Virginia was born on September 3, 1931, to the late William Henry Fithian and Ruth Emma Downey. She graduated from Rock Hall High School in 1949.

Virginia married the late Jimmy Bryden on March 17, 1951. She was a member of the Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church where she served as head Deaconess and music coordinator. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, knitting, crocheting, playing bingo, babysitting, watching Judge Judy, and spending time with her family.

Virginia is survived by her daughter Theresa Lynn Nelson, son James Dennis Bryden and her brother Ronnie Fithian; six grandchildren - Jennifer Nelson, Mikal Nelson, Jared Nelson, Eric Bryden, Laura Gilbert, and Molly Cahall; and five great-grandchildren - Jaden, Nolan, Kamber, Anastasia and Bryden. Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Jimmy and siblings Kitty Bringer, Esther Luzetsky, Ruth Wyble, Bill Fithian and Albert Fithian.

A viewing will be held Thursday, February 12, 2026 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rock Hall, Maryland. The Funeral Service will begin at 2:00pm at the church and will be followed by Burial at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rock Hall Seventh-day Adventist Church with "Blessings Bags" in memo line of checks.

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## Helen Elizabeth "Sis" Williams

November 10, 1944 – February 7, 2026



Helen Elizabeth "Sis" Williams, 81, of Worton, Maryland, passed away at home on February 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Sis was born in Chestertown, Maryland, on November 10, 1944, to the late Robert S. and Helen Benjamin Hadaway. She grew up in Chestertown and was a graduate of Chestertown High School in 1962.

In September of 1963, she married the love of her life, Harry T. Williams II, and they spent the next fifty years together until his passing in 2014. Shortly after they were married, they moved to the family farm in Worton. Sis found her greatest joy in raising her family and assisting Harry T. with the farm operations at Red Acres. In more recent years, she proudly helped her son expand the farm with their hydroponic and vegetable operations, as well as develop an event venue for the next generation.

Sis was never one to sit idle and loved being actively involved in her community. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Questers, and the Republican Central Committee. She also served for many years as a board member of both Worton Union Cemetery and Chester Cemetery. Sis was deeply honored to complete Harry T.'s term as Judge of the Orphans' Court.

Sis enjoyed trips with friends, playing the slots with her cousin Beverly, and spending time with the friends who meant so much to her. Her family was of utmost importance to her, and her kind heart was always welcoming, drawing more and more friends into her life. Her children and grandchildren were the true meaning of life to Sis. The love and closeness they shared was an extension of the deep bond she shared with her mother and sister Bertie.

She is survived by her children, son Bryan Williams (Tracey) of Worton, Maryland, daughter Shelly Hocutt (Russ) of Powell, Ohio, and daughter Heidi DeFabritus (Tony) of Freehold, New Jersey; grandchildren Rachel Nolan (Dave), Bryan B. Williams, Alexis Ecker, Trevin Ecker, JR Hocutt, Nicholas DeFabritus (Colby) and Olivia Elizabeth DeFabritus; step-grandchildren Kaitlyn Hocutt, Hannah Hocutt, and Anthony DeFabritus III; and great-grandchildren Lucy Nolan and Oliver Nolan.

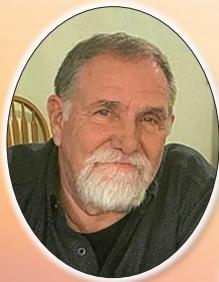
A visitation will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech, 118 West Cross Street, Galena, Maryland, where a funeral service will follow at 1:00pm. Burial will follow in Chester Cemetery, Chestertown, Maryland.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Compass Hospice for their compassionate care of Sis. Donations may be offered online at <https://compassregionalhospice.org/> or sent to 160 Courseval Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

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## Newseworthy Notes From You The Readers

### Black History Month Exhibit Opens February 14<sup>th</sup> at Wright's Chance

The Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center, in partnership with Queen Anne's County Historical Society, will open a new Black History Month exhibition, *When & Where We Gathered*, on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 5pm at Wright's Chance Museum House, located at 119 South Commerce Street in Centreville.

The exhibit explores how African American communities in Queen Anne's County have historically socialized, celebrated, organized, worshipped, and supported one another from the post-Civil War era to the present day. Through photographs, artifacts, and shared community memories, *When & Where We Gathered* highlights the spaces – both formal and informal – where connection and resilience were built across generations.

The opening reception on February 14<sup>th</sup> will feature remarks by Lamonte E. Cooke, Director of the

Queen Anne's County Department of Corrections, who will speak on the importance of community history, remembrance, and shared responsibility in shaping the county's future.

Following the opening, the exhibit will be open to the public on the first Saturdays of March and April 2026, and by appointment, offering additional opportunities for visitors to engage with this powerful local history.

*When & Where We Gathered* reflects an ongoing commitment by both organizations to present inclusive, locally grounded history that honors lived experience and community voices.

To RSVP for the reception or to make appointments, please send an email to Niambi Brown Davis at [wwgather@gmail.com](mailto:wwgather@gmail.com). For more information call QA's County Historical Society at 410-301-5639.

### Garfield Center for the Arts Opens 2026 Season with Stephen King's "Misery"

Garfield Center for the Arts (GCA) begins the 2026 season with an edge-of-your-seat thriller by master storyteller Stephen King. Adapted for the stage by playwright William Goldman, King's "Misery" opens February 20<sup>th</sup> and runs weekends through March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The production is sponsored by Peoples Bank powered by Hanscom Federal Credit Union.

"Misery" introduces us to Paul Sheldon, a celebrated writer who has become disenchanted with



Paul Sheldon (portrayed by Matt Folker) and Annie Wilkes (Brianna Johnson) fight a terrifying battle of wits in "Misery"

his famous literary creation: Misery Chastain, the lead character in a series of romance novels. Wanting to break his reputation free from the Misery series, he decides to kill off the character and move on to greener pastures. After completing the final Misery novel at his cabin in Colorado, he gets caught in a blizzard which results in a terrible car accident. His badly injured body and manuscript are discovered by

ex-nurse Annie Wilkes, who brings him to her secluded home to nurse him back to health. Self-described as Paul's "number one fan", things begin to take a dark turn when Annie, who is already displaying odd and worrisome behavior, reads the new Misery manuscript. Annie's fury over Misery's death erupts, resulting in a psychological and physical battle between the cunning, brutal and devious ex-nurse and her incapacitated victim.

Playing the role of Annie Wilkes is Brianna Johnson. Portraying Paul Sheldon is Matt Folker. Performing as Sheriff Buster is John Mann. Directing "Misery" is JW Ruth, who is also the production's Sound Designer. Assisting with the production is Stage Manager Jordan Dixon, Assistant Stage Manager Dominic Delcoco, Costumer Connie Fallon, Makeup Artist Adrienne Wrona – who also contributed to the production's Special Effects – Lighting Designer Nic Carter, and Macy Morris helping with the backstage crew. The set design is from JW Ruth and Butch Clark, who is also the GCA's Technical Director, and Clark had assistance from Jim Landskroener in the construction of the set.

### Mid-Shore Community Foundation Honors Local Leaders and Organizations at Its Annual Awards Breakfast

Mid-Shore Community Foundation honored people making a difference across the region during its 2025 Annual Awards Breakfast held in December at Tidewater Inn in Easton. The event recognizes

nonprofit leadership, volunteer service and community impact in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.

*State Rep. Jay Jacobs, R-36-Caroline, Cecil, Kent & Queen Anne's (left), and Kate Gray (right) president of Horizons Kent and QA's board of directors*

The J. McKinney Willis Jr. Award, which recognizes nonprofit organizations for outstanding service and honors volunteers instrumental to their success, was presented to Kate Gray of Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's and David Ricks of Men for Change, Inc.

Kate Gray is the board president of Horizons of Kent and Queen Anne's. Horizons operates a six-week summer enrichment program that provides individualized instruction in reading and math, meals, water safety education and field trips.

David Ricks is the founder and president of Men for Change Inc. The organization serves youth ages 5 to 15 years of age in the Federalsburg area through mentoring, meals, community service projects, tours and college visits.

Special Recognition Awards, which honor notable achievements in the Mid-Shore region, were presented to Lora Robbins of Day Care, Inc. and Rev. Pam Bockart of Federals-

burg Activities Center.

Lora Robbins of Day Care Inc., was recognized for providing child care services to approximately 80 children daily, with a waiting list of about 100. The organization serves families in Caroline, Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

Rev. Pam Bockart of the Federalsburg Activities Center, was honored for her leadership in transforming a former building into a multipurpose community space offering youth programming, civic gatherings, Bible study and services for residents of all ages.

During his report, Duncan said the foundation awarded \$15 million in grants and scholarships during the past fiscal year – an all-time high – and received \$35 million in contributions. Total foundation assets now stand at about \$175 million.



David Ricks (left), president of Men for Change, and W.W. "Buck" Duncan, president of Mid-Shore Community Foundation,

CEO of University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, who provided an update on the new Regional Medical Center under construction in Talbot County. The 390,000-square-foot facility will serve the Mid-Shore and is scheduled to open in late summer or early fall 2028.

For more information about Mid-Shore Community Foundation visit [www.mscf.org/](http://www.mscf.org/) or call them at 410-820-8175.

"Misery" opens February 20<sup>th</sup> and runs weekends through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Performances start at 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 2pm on Sundays. For tickets, the Box Office is open for phone or lobby purchases on Wednesdays, Thursdays

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